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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the accompanying application of)
CHARLES L. EDWARDS, KIRK H. RANEY,)
and PAUL G. SHPAKOFF)
Serial No. 10/817,640) Group Art Unit: 1621
Filed April 2, 2004) Examiner: Shailendra Kumar
BRANCHED PRIMARY ALCOHOL) September 19, 2006
COMPOSITIONS AND DERIVATIVES)
THEREOF)

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RESPONSE

The following remarks and enclosed Terminal Disclaimer are submitted in response to the office action of July 27, 2006. In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claim 57 on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-3 of U.S. Patent No. 6,909,020 in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,562,866. The '020 patent is the parent of the present application and both are assigned to the same Assignee. Both applications claim priority to U.S. Patent No. 6,706,931, the grandparent. The Assignment documents were filed in the USPTO in U.S. Patent No. 6,706,931. The Assignment document was recorded on April 11, 2002 at Reel 012801, Frame 0178. The Applicants hereby submit the enclosed Terminal Disclaimer with respect to the reference patent, U.S. 6,909,020. The Applicants assert that the filing of this

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Terminal Disclaimer overcomes the double patenting rejection and respectfully request an early notice of allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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and PAUL G. SHPAKOFF

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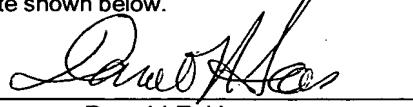
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TERMINAL DISCLAIMER (OVER PRIOR PATENT)

Shell Oil Company, assignee of the entire interest in U.S. application Serial No. 10/817,640, by assignment recorded in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on April 11, 2002, in Reel 012801, Frame 0178, and assignee of the entire interest in U.S. Patent No. 6,909,020 by assignment recorded in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office April 11, 2002, in Reel 012801, Frame 0178, hereby disclaims the terminal part of any patent granted on application Serial No. 10/817,640, which would extend beyond the expiration date of the full statutory term as presently shortened by any terminal disclaimer of U.S. Patent No. 6,909,020.

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granted on U.S. application Serial No. 10/817,640, and to be binding upon the grantee, its successors or assigns.

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Shell Oil Company, hereby states that the evidentiary documents have been reviewed and certifies that, to the best of assignee's knowledge and belief, title is in this assignee.

Please charge the \$130 fee covering statutory fees for filing this disclaimer to Shell Oil Company, Deposit Account 19-1800.

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